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In the Harbour Pointe category in the City of Belleville Holiday Decorating Contest, winner was the Luke Family at 234 Harbour Pointe Dr.



In the Victoria Commons category in the City of Belleville Holiday Decorating Contest, winner was Ronald and Donna Adkins, 461 Waterbury.



In the Mobile Home Parks category of the Belleville Holiday Decorating Contest, winner was the Morin Family, 77 Carmell. *Independent* photos by Bob Mytych



In the "Balance of Belleville" category of the 2018 Belleville Holiday Decorating Contest, winner was Susan Johnson, 365 High St.



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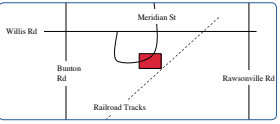
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

District Library Board approves contract negotiations for RFID

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Belleville Area District Library Board approved entering into contract negotiations with Envisionware for Radio Frequency ID equipment for the new library now under construction.

At the board's regular meeting on Dec. 11, Library Director Mary Jo Suchy explained that three vendors gave quotes and Envisionware is recommended. She said the RFID provides for self-checkout and anti-theft security. She said it speeds up checkout and six books at one time in a pile can be checked out.

Suchy said that details have to be worked out about how many self-check stations to have and the design of the gates.

All three of the vendors giving quotes were recommended by The Library Network's Technology Committee. Quote from Bibliotheca was \$62,102 - \$90,052; from TechLogic, \$92,710 - \$98,854; and Envisionware, \$65,212 - \$74,207. All the quotes did not include the credit card terminal fee, which is about \$450 per year.

Suchy said the quotes were for three self-check stations and now they are considering four.

Suchy also said, although it is not in the budget, they also requested estimates for a three-bin and a five-bin automated materials handling (AMH) system. She said it is not necessary to purchase the AMH system from the same vendor that provides the RFID, but it is helpful to do so.

She said if they decide to purchase an AMH system, she would recommend a five-bin system. She said prices fluctuate



LaChelle Reed Caver shows off the plaque given to her by the Belleville Area District Library Board at her last meeting of the board after four years of service. She served as secretary to the board and did not run for reelection. She is a resident of Sumpter Township.

depending on how many intake areas the system has (such as outside drop off, inside drop off, staff room drop off), as well as whether the bins are electronic or spring loaded.

"I recommend an outside and inside drop-off point," Suchy said in a written report to the board. "The staff can use the inside drop and do not need a separate staff drop off. Prices from the vendors range from \$70,000 (for a five-bin, one induction point, not including shipping and installation, to \$154,000."

She said they keep going back and forth on whether to buy the automated material handling system and they need to decide by January so the architect can change his design a little to make way for it.

Suchy said she is hoping to double the circulation of the library with the new building, to 350,000 or 400,000. She said that materials handling equipment would cost from \$100,000 to \$150,000 to install.

Board members told her to pursue the project and bring information back to them at their Jan. 8 meeting. It was suggested she contact other libraries that have similar equipment for their comments.

According to the director's report, circulation for this fiscal year, 2018/19, was 76,001 through November.

During its 55-minute meeting on Dec. 11, the board also:

- Accepted an envelope containing more than \$1,000 from Van Buren Township Trustee Reggie Miller, who said the money came from private donations from the seven VBT board members – and no tax money involved. This donation qualifies the township board to be on the Donor Wall in the new library, which recognizes those making donations of \$1,000 or more. This money is to restore amenities that were cut when the construction costs exceeded the budget;

- Approved a 3% salary increase for Director Suchy, following a personnel evaluation by the board. LaChelle Reed Caver, board secretary and chairperson of the personnel committee, reported that all the board members filled out evaluation forms that had possible ratings of 1-6, with six being outstanding. Caver said Suchy scored from "above average" to "outstanding" in all categories. Her highest rating was in "applied library knowledge." The motion was made with the understanding she has to take the raise (which she shared with employees her first year) and that she has to stay off the roof, where she has gone in the past to try to fix the leaks. "We have challenged her this year and she covered everything well, especially the finances," said board chairperson Sharon Peters;
- Heard a building committee report

from architect Dan Whisler, who said the committee met three times since the last board meeting. He said they are making changes for lighting fixtures, that are restorations to the former cuts. He said the scaffolding is down from the south stair tower and they will start on the north stair tower on Dec. 14 or 17. The structural steel is now scheduled to begin delivery on Dec. 27. Whisler said O'Neal Construction

is still chasing after Comcast because Comcast wires are across the site where the scaffolding will be going up. AT&T is "out of our hair," he said. He said the museum was disconnected by mistake at one point. Whisler also said they had placed sample child and teen furniture at the present library for the staff and library users to use and evaluate. Peters said at one

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Marine M/Sgt. Jeffrey Clark attended the Dec. 9 VFW Christmas party to pick up the Toys for Tots donations members and friends had brought to the party. M/Sgt. Clark said he will be taking the toys to Motts Children's Hospital at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. At center is VFW Commander Robert Krouse. At right is Polish Legion of American Veterans Commander George Kennedy. It was announced the Belleville VFW/PLAV post will start doing the monthly bingos again at the Ann Arbor Veterans Administration Hospital.



Veterans of Foreign Wars Commander Robert Krouse, left, presented Van Buren Township Police Officer Ryan Bidwell with a gift in gratitude for the handicapped ramp he constructed at the front of the VFW Post on Bemis Road to replace the one that had deteriorated. Bidwell said he has another volunteer project at the rear of the building that he plans to complete in the spring. The presentation was Dec. 9 during the post's Christmas party.

Independent photos by Rosemary K. Otzman

OPINIONS

Editorial

Good intentions get tangled up in VBT

After the Van Buren Township regular meeting ended Tuesday night, we talked with Supervisor Kevin McNamara about his latest controversy – this one about pensions. (See page 10.) McNamara said that he and Trustee Martin had the 10% pension contribution from the township just like Trustees Frazier and White, but he and Martin didn't think it was a big deal and didn't want to raise it to 12% because it would increase their own compensation.

McNamara said they thought it wasn't right to raise their own compensations, but when they found out it was not legal to have different rates, there was no question they had to raise the 10% to 12%.

Under the employee manual adopted March 4, 2014, it was stated those already elected got 12% but newly elected officials would get 10% because that's what it appeared the state decreed. Later, the state changed the rules and the 12% for all would be good and actually paying them differently was not legal.

McNamara said he didn't want to raise his own compensation because it didn't seem right. Then, he had to. Two trustees said they didn't understand why he didn't change the rates two years ago when he saw they were different.

We think McNamara had good intentions that weren't explained clearly which led to two trustees feeling he didn't want them to have equality with the other trustees because he didn't like them. Maybe he doesn't, but we don't think he tried to cheat them out of anything.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

We want to thank everyone who brought in toys for the annual Toys for Tots drive that we take part in. It's actually my son Jim's project. He makes arrangements with the Marine Reserve and puts up the collection boxes and the posters. This year there were more toys than ever before at this location and we are amazed and grateful. Everyone worked together to get these toys ready and the generosity was over the top.

When the Marine Reserve volunteer came to pick up the toys on Friday afternoon, he told us the J&T Pub and Grub restaurant toys had just been stolen. Two men, who had been with two women who ate at the restaurant, announced they were from Toys for Tots and stole all the toys.

The Marine said he was filing a police report. He said there had been other such incidents in Livonia this year. Can't even imagine what could bring someone to steal from kids who are in need.

While we were waiting for the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees to come out of closed-door session on Monday, those of us waiting talked about interesting topics.

The *Independent* had received a news release saying the pedestrian walkway over I-94 along Belleville Road was open. But it really isn't. You can walk on it, but it has yet to be declared open by the Michigan Department of Transportation. When MDOT turns it over to VBT, then it's open.

Also, the big VBT logo that will be on the walkway over the freeway hasn't been installed yet because the DDA got a notice that the supports aren't the right color and they can't install the logo until after the supports are painted. It's kinda the wrong



time of year for painting, so the logo probably won't go up until spring, when the landscaping will be put in place.

The VBT board planned to approve purchase of a \$38,448.90 John Deere vehicle with a blade to keep the pedestrian pathway cleared of snow, as it has agreed to do with the MDOT. The ATV they have now with the snowblower is not good to use because you can't blow snow on I-94 to clear the path or on Belleville Road, either, we're told

Before Monday's work/study started, Supervisor McNamara said that the township has been informed it has a grant of \$300,000 from the DEQ for the Iron Belle Trail construction. He said they plan to build the biking/hiking trail from Edgemont Street in the City of Belleville along East Huron River Drive to Riggs Heritage Park at Martinsville.

I asked him if it ever going to connect with the trail that ends at the Huron Clinton Metropark and he said it has to.

He said future plans call for running the trail through Riggs Park south and then to Martinsville Road. It can't cross railroad tracks, so it will stop at the railroad track on Martinsville and then begin again on the other side of the tracks. (I'm not making this up.)

Then it will go through Country Walk subdivision and head south to Bemis Road and then into the Metropark at the Bemis

entrance. I'm assuming he plans to take it under the power lines from Savage to Bemis. He didn't specify the route.

The township had a grant that it spent on outlining a different route from the Metropark entrance at Haggerty/East Huron River Drive over the Huron River on a very old, abandoned bridge and then through the front yards of people (who didn't like the idea) along East Huron River Drive heading into Belleville. Most of that route seems to have been abandoned.

We'll have to wait for more information on the Iron Belle Trail. It's a state project that goes from Belle Isle winding through Michigan to Iron Mountain.

We've been informed a Dollar Tree store is coming to Belle Park Plaza in 2019. Belle Park Plaza is where the Secretary of State used to be located.

We've got another dollar store at Industrial Park Drive, just down Sumpter Road, and two Dollar Trees in Van Buren Township – one on Belleville Road and one on Rawsonville Road. Wonder if one of the Dollar Trees is moving.



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Letters

Random thoughts on coats, water park, etc.

To the editor:

Some random thoughts here at Christmas. A couple of letters in the *Independent* last week got my attention. One questioned the wisdom of taxpayers buying coats for the supervisor and board. After all, they get cold, too.

The other was about some water park being built. I don't know anyone that will use it. I'm 80 years old, so what do I know.

Got the repair bill for my old car. Damage done on these old country mud roads. Got my winter tax bill about the same time. Both cost about the same.

Stopped at Mike's Pro Hardware here in town. Easy in and out, but no candy or chips to buy.

Looks like the pedestrian bridge over the expressway is done. So far, I've only seen one person cross it. Hope they felt safe.

Went to Detroit Saturday night. Haven't seen so many people in a long time -- lined up for carriage rides, ice skating, shopping, eating out, just having a good time. Went up Woodward past the new ice arena. Stopped at the Whitney. It was packed. Had dessert. Very enjoyable evening with family.

Hope you get a chance to go down over the holidays. Thanks for reading and have a Merry Christmas -- and, God Bless America.

Mickey Widener
Van Buren Township

Guiding Harbor celebrates 60 years here

To the editor:

Foster parents open their heart and homes to children in need. We are lucky to have many foster families in the area who give love and support to children of all ages, from infants through teens.

Thanks to the generosity of Joyce and Walter Rochowiak of *Garden Fantasy Greenhouse* and an anonymous donor, we were able to give our foster families, as well as our Girlstown residence and Guiding Harbor office building, beautiful evergreen wreaths for the holidays, as a thank you for all they do to improve the lives of children and families.

Guiding Harbor is celebrating our 60th anniversary, first opening Girlstown in

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1958 and adding foster care in 1989. We appreciate all the support the Belleville community has given the agency throughout the years.

If *Independent* readers have been thinking of becoming foster parents, and would like more information, they can contact Guiding Harbor at (734) 697-7242 or go to our website at guidingharbor.org. Our next foster parent orientation is scheduled for Jan. 9, 2019.

Linda Clayton, president
Guiding Harbor Board of Directors

2019 Belleville Museum calendars on sale

To the editor:

Have a History Buff on your list? Our 2019 Belleville Area Historical Society calendar featuring "History of the Belleville Area District Library," is on sale at several locations for only \$5 throughout the Tri-community including: Sumpter Ace Hardware, Sumpter Township Hall, Belleville City Hall, Belleville Pro Hardware, Van Buren Township Treasurer's office, Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, Garden Fantasy on Main, and the Belleville Area District Library.

You may also find Christmas ornaments, museum and Retro Belleville t-shirts, vintage postcards, tumblers, water bottles and cozies, as well as the third edition of "WATER UNDER THE BRIDGE: A History of Van Buren Township," on sale for \$35, regularly \$45 at The BAM. We will be open through Dec. 21.

The museum's remaining holiday hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday: 3-7 p.m. and Thursday, noon to 4 p.m. We will be closed Dec. 22-Feb. 1 while we clean up for the holidays. For additional information, please call the museum at (734) 697-1944.

Katie Dallos, director
Belleville Area Museum

Mickens, Sanders led the pajama drive

To the editor:

This year Karen Mickens and Lettie Sanders led the community to provide pajamas to all the residents at Cedar Woods Assisted Living. All the pajamas were wrapped by volunteers at the church Abundant Life and Sumpter Senior Center.

Special thanks to all the generous donations and support from our community and leaders.

Merry Christmas to all the volunteers. You Rock!

Mary Ann Watson
Sumpter Senior Center

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Obituaries



Edward Monroe Sikes

EDWARD MONROE SIKES

(October 26, 1923 – December 10, 2018)

Edward Monroe Sikes, age 95, long-time resident of Sumpter Township, Belleville, MI, passed away Monday, December 10, 2018 at home. He was born October 26, 1923 in Fredericktown, Missouri, son of Robert Howard & Florence (Smallen) Sikes.

Mr. Sikes worked for Sinclair Oil for many years as a fuel oil truck driver. He also worked for Van Buren Public Schools in maintenance and retired after more than 20 years of loyal service. He was a hard worker who enjoyed home repairs. He could fix anything, cars, bikes, and loved building his children's toys. He grew up working on a farm and even built a tractor!

Edward is survived by six children: Edward (Janet) Sikes of Kissimmee, FL, Sharon Romanowski of Belleville, MI, Donna Sikes of Allen Park, MI, Joe (Linda) Sikes of Indiana, Patty Bakos of Tennessee and Bob (Linda) Sikes of Northern Michigan; 11 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, five sisters: Wanda Williams of Fredericktown, MO, Nora Killian of Arizona, Elsie (Hershel) Berry of St. Charles, MO, Lillie Berry of Fredericktown, MO and Esther (Don) Carroll of Charlotte, NC; also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, also one sister Mildred Condrey.

Visitation was Thursday, December 13, 5-7 PM and Friday, December 14, 10-11 AM with an 11:00 AM Funeral at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. Pastor Joe Kennedy officiated. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville, MI.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations to Arbor Hospice & Home Care.

JANICE E. PORTERFIELD

(June 18, 1924 – December 13, 2018)

Janice Elizabeth Porterfield, age 94, died on Thursday, December 13, 2018 at her home in Ypsilanti. She was born in Britton, MI, second oldest daughter of 11 children of Harold and Leah (Palmer) Craig.

Janice was preceded in death by her parents, husband Leroy, daughter Linda Keehl, son Harold, grandson Terry, two sisters Geraldine Keran and Virginia Wells, and brothers Dale, Oliver, and Charles.

She is survived by her daughter Janice Kus of Ypsilanti; sisters Isabelle Craig, Dorothy Bunek, Catherine Jones, and Phyllis Perry; 11 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She will be remembered for her skill at embroidery and passing on many of her works to friends and family.

There will be a memorial service in the summer. The family is grateful to Hospice of Heartland. They were all incredibly caring.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, Dec. 20** – This is the last day of the Belle Noel Tree Festival at the Belleville Area Museum. The museum is open from noon until 4 p.m. today. Admission is \$2 for adults; \$1 children.

• **Saturday, Dec. 22** – Santa is coming to the Yankee Air Museum at Willow Run Airport by helicopter and will land about 11 a.m. The museum opens at 10 a.m. and children have free admittance all day. Adults are admitted free until 11:30 a.m. Since his reindeer have to rest until the big day, Santa is using a helicopter.

• **Sunday, Dec. 23** – No music at September Days Senior Center. Closed.

• **Sunday, Dec. 30** – No music at September Days Senior Center. Closed.

• **Monday, Dec. 31** – Rock in the New Year! Celebrate at the Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Rd., with the band Second Wind. Catered buffet dinner at 6:30 p.m., band starts at 8:30. Pizza served at midnight. Tickets are \$25. Order tickets online at foe3993.com, come in and buy tickets at the bar, or call Ginger Bruder at (734) 461-2498.

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Obituaries



Bonnie Lou Pinter

BONNIE LOU PINTER

(December 4, 1943 – December 14, 2018)
 Bonnie Lou Pinter, age 75, long-time resident of Belleville, MI, passed away Friday, December 14, 2018 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. She was born December 4, 1943 in Ypsilanti, MI, daughter of Grant Basil & Betty Ann (Dunk) Oelke.

Bonnie graduated from Belleville High School with the class of 1961. She worked as a teller for NBD in Belleville for a few years and then enjoyed providing an In-Home Day Care for many families in the community. She loved children. Her grandchildren were everything to her. She also worked at Pinters Flowerland, Belleville, as a grower, and enjoyed growing many different types of flowers. Bonnie loved being outdoors. She enjoyed mowing her lawn, gardening and keeping a modest home. She was a hard worker who always gave 100%. She also cherished time spent at their cabin in Lovells, MI. Most of all, she loved her grandchildren.

Mrs. Pinter is survived by her husband Harry "Doc" Pinter, three children: Lisa Pinter of Kalamazoo, MI, Scott (Jackie) Pinter of South Lyon, MI and Linsey (Dan) Reott of Ypsilanti, MI; 6 grandchildren: Samantha (Stuart) Budge, Jenna, Lily, Levi and Lanie Pinter and Daniel Reott; 3 great-grandchildren: Charlotte, Madeline and Rowen, and two more on-the-way; her mother Betty Ann Oelke of Ypsilanti, MI, brother Robert (Sharon) Oelke of Adrian, MI, two sisters Bette (Jack) Burgett of Atlanta, MI and Brenda Ery of Tecumseh, MI, also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father Grant B. Oelke, niece Tammy Pinter, father-in-law Harry Pinter, mother-in-law Ethel Pinter, and two brothers-in-law Ronald and Joseph Pinter. Visitation was 3-7 PM Wednesday, December 19, 2018 with a 7:00 PM Funeral Service at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI (734) 697-4500. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Association or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and would be appreciated.

STEPHEN 'STEVE' EDWARD SCHARP

(October 12, 1966 – December 10, 2018)
 Age 52, of Sumpter Township. Survived by son Stephen and daughter Brittney; parents Gene and Shirley Scharp; brother Keith; grandchildren; nephews. Service was Dec. 14 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. www.davidcbrownfh.com

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Darlene Elizabeth Robinson

DARLENE ELIZABETH ROBINSON

(September 15, 1957– December 17, 2018)
 Darlene Elizabeth Robinson was born September 15, 1957, eighteen minutes before her twin sister Sharlene, in Ypsilanti, MI. She passed away December 17, 2018 in Easley, SC. She was the seventh of nine children born to Lester Martin, Sr., and Othella (Walker) Williams. Darlene was preceded in death by her parents and brother Gaylord Vincent Williams. She was a 1975 graduate of Lincoln High School.

She is survived by her husband James Carson Robinson; four children James, Jr., Bettina, Cecilia, and Desirae Robinson; five grandchildren; seven brothers and sisters LaDonna Williams, Lester (Beverly) Williams, Jr., Stanley (Carol) Williams, Sr., Marshall (Danny) Nash, David (Sally) Williams, Sharlene Cobb and Sheila Coley; 89 nieces and nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles and friends.

FLORENCE MARY GOLDWATER

(September 16, 1942 – December 15, 2018)
 Florence Mary Goldwater, age 76, long-time Belleville area resident, passed away Saturday, December 15, 2018 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. She was born September 16, 1942 in Detroit, MI, daughter of Thomas Raymond & Mary Dorothy (Pensick) Leithead, Sr.

Mrs. Goldwater drove a school bus for Van Buren Public Schools for five years, then for Canton Public Schools for 20 years, before retiring. She loved spending time with her grandchildren and reading.

She is survived by daughter Terri Goldwater of Belleville, MI; two sons Ron (Hilda Mendoza Iglesias) Goldwater of Wyoming, MI and Robert Goldwater of Belleville, MI; three grandchildren Maria, Joshua and Ian Goldwater; one brother Thomas Leithead of Ypsilanti, MI; two sisters Mary Nutbourne of Arizona and Janet Nutbourne; also, numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, also her husband Gary Lewis Goldwater in 1996.

A Memorial Service will be Saturday, December 22, 2018 at 2:00 PM at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI (734) 697-4500. The family will greet guests from 1-2 PM. Interment will be in Woodmere Cemetery, Detroit, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society and would be appreciated.



More Letters

Bethany concert will be long remembered

To the editor:

"The King is Here," a Christmas Worship Musical: The Bethany Bible Church concert that will be long remembered by so many friends, family, and neighbors of our tri-community, and beyond.

On both Saturday, Dec. 15, and Sunday, Dec. 16, upon invitation, we came together to hear the truth: "The King Has Come, Christ: Lord and King is born for you." This is the true biblical message of love. God is Love. Christ the baby is Lord of all!

We sat listening and watching in awe, expressed in vocal and instrumental music, the true meaning of CHRISTmas. With a heartfelt, sincere appreciation for the countless, devoted efforts of the 40-voice choir under the direction of John Losen, Jr. and thanks also to special narration by Beth Swicker. Adding to, and very much appreciated, were the little children's voices, so beautifully expressed with both wonder and vigor. As a child – in their eyes and hearts, we adults are witness to the unobstructed innocence and true meaning of CHRISTmas! Many thanks to the parents, families and friends of the singing "little ones."

As is true in this, as well as all previous concerts, there are so many people to thank. I always think of the "background/behind the scenes" people, without whom the "message" could be muted: The audio, visual and lighting effects, the many "kitchen/serving" hands, as well as the "clean-up/prep squads" (before and after).

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Special thanks for Christmas party help

To the editor:

Sumpter Senior Center would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year! On Dec. 11 we had our annual Christmas Party enjoying lots of delicious food and prizes from generous donors.

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Sumpter Seniors.

Rosa Newcomb Henson earns MS in Education

Rosa Newcomb Henson of Belleville earned her Master of Science in Education from the University of Kansas. Degrees are officially conferred in January.



Aerotropolis announces interim director after resignation of Rob Luce

The Detroit Region Aerotropolis Development Corporation named Marco Salomone as interim director at its recent quarterly corporate board meeting. He will step into the position following the resignation of Rob Luce, current executive director, which is effective Dec. 27.

Salomone has worked for Aerotropolis more than three and a half years as the Director of Business Development. He has been responsible for generating and responding to business development leads and inquiries and for managing corporate expansion projects including but not limited to site identification and analysis as well as regional market data and demographic information.

Going forward, he will also be responsible for the strategic development and day-to-day operations of the organization, reporting directly to the board of directors.

Salomone holds a degree in Public Administration & Public Policy from Michigan State University. He is a member of the Michigan Economic Developers Association, along with numerous foreign chambers of commerce and business associations.

At the same meeting, the board elected David Glaab as its new chairman, effective 2019. Glaab, supervisor of Huron Charter Township, received his B.A. from Purdue University. He obtained his Doctor of Jurisprudence (J.D.) cum laude from the Detroit College of Law where he earned the American Jurisprudence Award for Excellence in Insurance Law. Supervisor Glaab is also engaged in the private practice of law and is a contributing author

of the book WEALTH Enhancement & Preservation; The Intitute, 1994.

"The future for the Detroit Region Aerotropolis looks bright," said Tim Keyes, 2018 board chairman. "Industry vacancy rates are at historic lows, we have over 6,000 acres of shovel-ready land in a prime logistics and transportation hub, and great leadership at the helm. We've been very successful in the last few years and I believe that this is just the beginning."

Luce submitted his resignation on Nov. 19 and Aerotropolis accepted it on Nov. 30. Luce said he will pursue a new opportunity and will work with Aerotropolis to assure a smooth transition.

"Rob has done a great job in his tenure at the Aerotropolis," said Keyes, board chairman. "We will be looking for someone with similar attributes that will continue the momentum that Rob has created these last two years."

Van Buren Township pays \$25,000 a year, through its Downtown Development Authority, to belong to Aerotropolis and has publicly praised Luce for his work to bring the Pancake Project to the 80-acre Smith Farm in Denton.

Luce's work influenced the township to pay the dues for another year, because in the past the Aerotropolis did not do any significant work for development in the township, said township officials.

Current members of Aerotropolis, besides Van Buren Township, are DTE Energy, CBRE, MEDC, Wayne County Airport Authority, City of Romulus, City of Taylor, Huron Township, Washtenaw County, and Wayne County.



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VBT Board agrees to fix policy that violates the law regarding pensions

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

On Monday during a half-hour discussion at its work/study session, the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees agreed to fix a policy that was giving less pension money to some board members, in violation of the law.

Supervisor Kevin McNamara said he's known about this discrepancy for two years and didn't do anything about it.

"I've been told it's against the law," Supervisor McNamara said, adding that he was shocked to find that out recently.

Trustee Sherry Frazier, who is one of the three trustees who have been given about \$640 less in pension contributions over a two-year period, said state law is clear and all township officials should be paid the same.

"We've been breaking the law and we need to correct it," Trustee Frazier said.

She said she had asked McNamara the previous Friday to have a resolution to correct this on the Dec. 18 agenda, but it wasn't on the agenda.

"I guess I'll have to address this tomorrow," she said, referring to the regular meeting which is shown on the cable channel and recorded for YouTube.

McNamara told her to go ahead and that he had gone through that with Trustee Paul White at the last meeting, concerning the purchase of winter coats for board members.

But first, Monday, the board had to go into closed-door session to discuss negotiation of the fire department union contract because an attorney, who is paid by the hour, was waiting.

After a 15-minute closed door session the board came back into open session to finish off the work/study meeting and Frazier continued voicing her concerns.

She said there is a difference in payment into the pension of 2%. She said two trustees get 10% (her and White) and two get 12%.

McNamara said in 2014 the board enacted a salary policy and published it in the official handbook. It said existing elected personnel got 12% pension contribution from the township and new elected personnel get 10%.

He said ten other salaried employees also get a lower amount. He said he talked to the attorney to see what he could do about it.

The attorney said if he wants to change the policy he has to talk to the board. That's why it was being brought forward.

Trustee Reggie Miller said this was not the first time there has been a problem, but she found townships can't lower the salaries of elected officials.

"You can't move elected officials down during their terms of office," McNamara agreed.

"I thought an elected official at this table used that to get a raise," Frazier said.

Trustee Frazier said the official was herself and she got an attorney opinion and

couldn't get what she thought she was due.

"She's talking about me," Clerk Leon Wright said of Frazier's comment. "When I wanted to be even with the treasurer. When this was done in 2014, all got 12%. When there was a turnover, some got 10%."

He said while he signs the checks, he doesn't see the amounts.

He said when the idea was brought up it was done legally. Then, he said, AFSCME asked why its employees are being penalized.

Wright said the elected officials shouldn't be treated differently and they can't be reduced. But, they can raise all of the pension contributions to 12% by board action.

"When we get checks, we don't see the 10%," Miller said. "It's his fault. He knew," she said referring to McNamara.

"I didn't think anything about it until the attorney said it was illegal," McNamara said, referring to township attorney Patrick McCauley.

Trustee White said the responsibilities of the four trustees are all equal under the law and they all should get the same 12% pension contribution.

"The ten salaried employees, too?" McNamara asked.

Wright said when the new trustees came in it was 10% and that's when the mistake was made.

White said it is Wright's responsibility for anything in the clerk's department and Wright insisted he was not responsible.

"I knew about it," McNamara said. "I didn't know it was a big deal." He added, retroactive pay is against the law.

Trustee Kevin Miller asked how this can be fixed and McNamara said to change the 2014 language and move everyone to 12%. He said he asked Human Resources Director Nicole Sumpter to be ready for this.

Sumpter said she has already prepared changed wording.

Frazier asked why a resolution wasn't

placed on the agenda and was told McNamara was discussing it with an attorney.

McNamara said the Michigan Township Association, which never gives written legal opinions, and the township attorney said unequal pay was illegal.

He said former Supervisor Linda Combs requested retroactive salary and had to be denied.

"I lost \$700," Frazier said.

"I lost thousands," Miller added, referring to a different problem.

"We all got elected knowing what our salaries would be," McNamara said.

"You've been quietly sitting in your seat, breaking the law," Frazier said to McNamara.

"I had no intent," McNamara said, explaining why they couldn't charge him with a crime.

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VBT pensions

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Miller reminded them this is a 2% payment to the pension, not salary.

Frazier said she knows people at the table who fought for higher pay. He based his five years of experience against the treasurer's 25 years of experience, referring to Clerk Wright.

"I recommend we put it on the agenda tomorrow (Dec. 18) and resolve it as soon as possible," Miller said.

"You just want to make yourself look like you don't care about 2%," Frazier said, referring to McNamara's attitude.

"I don't," he replied.

"This can be easily done," Wright said. "Revise the salary manual."

"It's not that much money," McNamara said. "And, it's locked away" until retirement. He said if he votes "no" to change the policy, he's breaking the law.

White asked about back pay, which would be \$320 a year for the trustees. He said for the supervisor, the same percentage would

be \$1,600.

"I have a legal opinion on that [back pay]. Can't do that," McNamara said. "I'll fight doing that."

"If we have been breaking the law for two years, let's break the law some more," Frazier challenged. "The supervisor knew it for two years."

"I knew, but didn't know it was against the law," McNamara said.

He said the elected officials can't get retroactive pay, but the employees could, but they won't.

"That's negligence about keeping it when it's inconsistent," White said to McNamara.

The plan was to amend the handbook to 12% matching contributions and put it on the consent agenda the next day so there would be no discussion. But, it was put on the agenda as "new business" and there was more discussion.

Finally, the board unanimously approved the changes in the employee handbook to give the 12% to elected and salaried employees.



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

Virginia Queener, at right, waits on customers at the Dec. 1 bake sale put on by Van Buren Township Senior Citizen bakers as part of the township's annual craft show. Shopping from left are Bev Powell, Margaret Rochon, and Bee Patterson from Sumpter Township. Queener said by the time this picture was taken at 10:30 a.m., many of the baked goods provided by seniors had already been sold.

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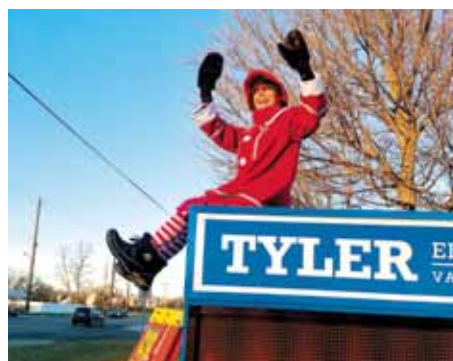
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Belleville High School student Alyssa McClendon signed to play softball with Henry Ford College. She is shown with her college coach.



Belleville High School student Jordan Kelly signed to play soccer for Concordia University in Ann Arbor.



On Nov. 26, Belleville High School student RJ Sherwood signed with Oakland University to play baseball. Pictured with him are, from left, his sister Katelyn Sherwood, mother Genine Sherwood, and father Richard Sherwood.



Belleville High School student Annabella Sylvestre signed on Nov. 16 to play soccer with Madonna University. She is shown with her parents, Lisa and Michael Sylvestre.



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The Belleville Area Museum is selling the 2019 Belleville Area Historical Society calendars for only \$5 featuring the History of the Belleville Area District Library. You'll find them available at Sumpter Ace Hardware, Sumpter Township Offices, Van Buren Township Treasurer's office, Belleville City Hall, Pro Hardware, Belleville Chamber, and Garden Fantasy on Main. Call (734) 697-1944.

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News: Coming in 2019: Dollar Tree and Exterior Renovations!

Congratulations to this year's winners of the City of Belleville's Decorating Contests, who received their photo plaques at Monday's City Council meeting. There were a few first-time winners along with a couple of traditional (I'll start calling them) hands-down selections in Victoria Commons and Belle Villa MHC. I'm glad to be part of this event every year. Thanks also to the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce for having me sketching their coloring books once again. That's always fun. Just a note, if you're ever riding down Gentz Road south to Huron, there's a newer home on the right that is lit up like nothing around, featuring orchestrated chasing

lights, music, scrolling driveway arches, rooftop animation, and much more. It's a traffic stopper and I just know that house sparkles from the planes overhead from Metro Airport. Merry Christmas and happy holidays to our owners, advertisers, and readers.

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Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? Call Bob Mytych at (734) 699-9020 with your suggestion. There is no cost to be in this column.

VBT Planning Commission approves more tests of mobile refueling

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Ricardo Inc. was given permission by the Van Buren Township Planning Commission to continue testing Toyota Fuel Cell Vehicles at the Ricardo facility at 40000 Ricardo Dr. using a temporary Mobile Hydrogen Refueling Station.

At its regular meeting Dec. 12, the commission approved the temporary land use from December 2018 through April 2019, during which time the fueling station will be set up in a secured vehicle lot next to the vehicle garage.

Site supervisor Robert Neighbors of Van Buren Township said Ricardo got permission from the township in 2016 to do the testing and they have been doing it for two years. They need three months more, he said.

He said Toyota sets up the mobile station, tests it to make sure it is operating properly, and then turns it over to Ricardo to operate. The station has emergency stops and a transmitter is in operation at all times.

"It's similar to a gas pump," Neighbors said. "You fuel the vehicle and when it gets to the correct pressure, it shuts off."

Ricardo, Inc. is located on the east side of Haggerty Road, north of Tyler Road.

In other business at the 17-minute meeting on Dec. 12, the commission:

- Cast a unanimous ballot to reelect commission officers for another one-year term. Chairperson is Carol Thompson, vice-chairperson is Donald Boynton, and secretary is Bryon Kelley. Kelley also is commission representative to the Board of Zoning Appeals and Boynton is BZA alternate.

Sumpter Township gets DNR grant for 2019 Arbor Day celebration

The 2019 Community Forestry Grants from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Forest Resources Division have been announced.

Sumpter Township is among the 11 grant recipients who are sharing \$89,590 in awards.

Sumpter will get \$250 for an Arbor Day celebration. Other communities getting grants for Arbor Day observances are Grandville, \$500, and Royal Oak, \$490.

Several communities are getting grants for public street and park tree inventories and plans: Canton Township, \$11,100; Hamtramck, \$13,800; Rochester Hills, \$20,000; Coldwater, \$20,000; Mason, \$9,500; and Village of Empire, \$7,450.

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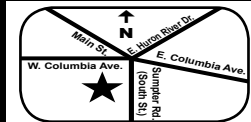


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A copy of the application can be downloaded from the Van Buren Public Schools official website at: www.vanburenschools.net. To get to the application, click on "Menu," "Our District," and then "BHS Distinguished Graduate Application."

The inductions of Distinguished Graduates and BHS National Honor Society members will be held together in April.

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Sumpter Treasurer Bednark decides to stick with Vern Morse

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Vernon Morse, who retired from the Van Buren Township clerk's office after 20 years of service, was appointed Sumpter Township deputy treasurer in September after the original deputy moved out of state and the new deputy was fired after a few days.

At that time, Township Treasurer Peggy Morgan needed a new deputy and Morse was available to take the job. It was during tax season and a lot of people waited until the last minute to pay their taxes so there

was a lot of work to do.

And, Treasurer Morgan was ill and took time off at the advice of her doctor. There was a lot of upheaval at the township hall and Morse resigned. Later, he returned to help out because they needed him.

Treasurer Morgan, who had lost her bid to retain her appointed position, was replaced in the Nov. 6 election by political newcomer Ken Bednark as the new treasurer.

At the Nov. 27 meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, recently sworn-in Treasurer Bednark assured the public that in spite of all the problems, "the lights are on in the treasurer's office and we are functioning."

He said it was his intention to do a search for the best person for the deputy position

and he found, "We have the most qualified person in Vern Morse." He said as far as his credentials and education, Morse was the best.

"I'm proud to have him on board," Bednark said.

He said Deputy Supervisor Karen Armatis, a former longtime deputy treasurer, is helping to assist in the training process. He said Armatis is not bonded, but this is not required for training.

"We're looking forward to doing good things for the public," Bednark said, adding they are looking at automating the procedures.

Then Morse took to the podium and made a statement.

"When I was asked to come back, I felt I was able to make a difference," Morse said, adding that he had started bonding with the public. "I had an undone job. The problems we had, we were fixing them. Ken and I had quite a few discussions. It was a lot of work at first. Karen is available, so that I can get all the training I need.

"I appreciate Ken for giving me this chance," Morse said. "I look forward to serving this board and this community."

In other business at the Nov. 27 meeting, the board:

- Approved the appointment of Vernon Morse to the deputy treasurer's position, at a pay of \$25.08 per hour;

- Approved the appointment of Dawn Hadyniak to the deputy clerk position at a pay of \$25.33 per hour. Hadyniak has served as the deputy clerk since Clerk Esther Hurst's appointment earlier this year. Now, Hurst has been elected clerk;

- Approved the meeting schedules for 2019 for the board of trustees and planning commission;

- Heard attorney Rob Young announce that he will draft the required ordinance for the next meeting on Dec. 11 in case the board wants to opt out of allowing recreational marijuana dispensaries and grow businesses within the township limits. He said he will not be present for that meeting, but he'll prepare the ordinance and the board can pass it or not. He said it takes two meetings to pass an ordinance. He said he thinks the township has time to opt out, since the state rules are not in place yet. He said if the township opts out, it can always opt in if it changes its mind at a later date. He said now is a good time to opt out and he is making no recommendation. It is purely a board decision, he said. He said the opting out ordinance would be to not allow commercial growing and dispensaries. The personal use is not in question because now that is "carved in stone," he said. Clerk Hurst asked

if the township does not opt out and does nothing, "could dispensaries show up in our community?" Attorney Young said, yes, they could;

- Heard Ban report that the roads are deplorable and people thinking of moving to the township come down those roads and change their minds about coming. She complained about how Wayne County cares for its roads. She also pointed out that the federal government still says marijuana is illegal. She said medical marijuana can now be delivered to users and she asked if recreational marijuana will be delivered, as well;

- Heard Jay Bardell say that at the Nov. 13 meeting that couldn't be held, he asked the supervisor when was the last time the board couldn't meet because it didn't have a quorum and the deputy supervisor said the supervisor didn't have to answer because it wasn't in a meeting. Supervisor John Morgan told Bardell that he couldn't answer because he doesn't know when there was a meeting without a quorum in the past; and

- Heard Bardell say that in the *Independent* there were two times when Young made accusations about his wife Roxanne Bardell, who works at the township, being a thief. Young said he never called Roxanne a thief or anyone else. He said he said she came into the treasurer's office from the clerk's office to help and she was not bonded and shouldn't be working in there. He told Bardell to bring in the stories, if he has them, but they are lies and innuendoes. Bardell read from the paper about Young saying he was going to retire but had to stay on to take care of "Po and Bardell." Young agreed he was going to retire but he wanted to defend the police department and the guys who put their lives on the line. "I was talking about you, Jay," Young said, adding in court he heard Bardell talking with Po about what equipment Bardell would get from Po after Po got it back from police. Young then mentioned the "car pool team," obviously referring to the circuit court session in downtown Detroit when the *Independent* asked for a ride from Bardell and Robinson. Young said he had lots of negative things he could say about the *Independent*. Young mentioned an argument and Bardell asked if he was referring to, "When Toth said he didn't come to my house and he did?" referring to Detective/Sgt. John Toth, who shouted at Bardell in the circuit court hallway causing a deputy sheriff to complain. After the meeting adjourned, Young came down from the board table, where he sits, and followed Bardell to the door, haranguing him until he left the building.

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City Manager praises women staff for helping two local families

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

"I'm proud of them," Belleville City Manager Diana Kollmeyer told the city council at its regular meeting Dec. 17, as she wiped away a tear.

She was referring to the women in the office who raised more than \$600 to help two families this Christmas.

City Manager Kollmeyer said those in the office paid \$1 a day to wear jeans and they sold candy at the counter to raise money

for the project.

In other business at the 25-minute meeting, the council:

- Presented awards to the winners of the Holiday Home Decorating Contest [see page one];
- Approved a five-year contract with WCA Assessing of Westland, with a 4% change to rates each year. The current contract was for three years with two one-year renewals and rate changes based on yearly CPI up to 5% a year. Wayne County stopped its assessing three years ago and WCA is the only one available for the service;
- Following the surplus property policy, council approved posting ads for two weeks on Craig's List and in the *Independent* to try to sell the former office copier which is unlikely to sell at auction because of its age and lack of parts available. Ricoh, who sold the city the new copier, which was to be delivered Dec. 20, would charge \$250 to take the old Ricoh copier off the city's hands. The old copier also could be given away, if all else fails;
- Approved accounts payable of \$125,535 and the following purchases in excess of \$500: to CDW Government, \$3,255 from the drug forfeiture account for modems for police vehicles; to ElectionSource, \$845.50 for ballot testing; and to Jayne Carter, \$675 for grave buyback;
- Heard Kollmeyer say the DPW is down to one employee right now and a Civil Service Commission meeting will be set

to help fill the spots open. She said earlier that day they had a sewer issue and the city hired Blue Ribbon to take care of it;

- Heard Kollmeyer announce that there is a yard waste container at the DPW yard and residents can still bring their leaves and dump them in the container. Mike Renaud said leaves are packed along the curb on Main Street and they should be removed before they block drains. Kollmeyer said as soon as they get more employees it will be taken care of;
- Heard Gary Johnson, who lives across from Horizon Park, ask when the lights at the park are going to be fixed. He said 13 lights at Horizon Park have been on 24/7 for the last three years. He figured the city was throwing away \$350 per month for electricity for these lights. Mayor Kerreen Conley said he should contact the city manager when he has concerns and he said he has done that and got no replies. He also said a sewer line under the Belleville Bridge is leaking into the lake and onto boats and Kollmeyer said it was a water line. Fire Chief Brian Loranger said that he doesn't know why the lights can't be fixed. He said at his office he has mechanical timers that sometimes fail and have to be fixed; and
- Was reminded that the city offices would be closed for the holidays on Mondays and Tuesdays for the next two weeks: Dec. 24 and 25 and Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.

Santa to visit Yankee Air Museum on Saturday, arriving by helicopter

Yankee Air Museum has announced that one of the world's premier aviators, Santa Claus, will be coming to the museum on Saturday, Dec. 22. Santa declassified his itinerary to allow the announcement and provided few details on this special visit.

Due to the training, feeding and resting schedules of his reindeer prior to their big flight, Santa will arrive by helicopter. A landing zone on the north side of the museum will be cleared for Santa's landing at 11 a.m.

Yankee Air Museum is located on the east side of historic Willow Run Airport, 47884 D Street, Belleville. Everyone is welcome to attend, and children's admission is free all day, with adults free until 11:30 a.m.

"I personally worked with Santa's security detail to arrange this visit," said Kevin Walsh, executive director of the museum. "It's important for all children to have an opportunity to talk with Santa and this is one of Santa's last visits before

Christmas Eve. We are honored to have him come here."

Upon landing, Santa will be escorted into the Museum where he will greet all the good boys and girls. He will be giving out candy canes and passes for a free visit to Yankee Air Museum in the future.

Walsh said the museum hosted Santa Claus in the past and it was very informative, however the technology of his sleigh was never revealed. According to Walsh, Santa is always generous in his comments about historic aviation technology, but he also reminds people that he was flying long before the Wright Brothers. Walsh said he hopes to closely examine Santa's sleigh one day.

"As a museum, it's important for us to bring heroes of aviation to the community, and we think Santa Claus, and his mission, should always be at the forefront of aerospace research," concluded Walsh.



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**Sumpter Township
Special Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 27, 2018, 6:30 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes**

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Morgan at 6:30 pm. Roll call: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer K. Bednark, Trustees: LaPorte, Rush, Oddy and Swinson. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Hadyniak, Fire Chief Januszzyk, Public Safety Director/ Chief of Police Luke and approximately 17 residents.

3. Agenda: Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only: Public comment began at 6:31 p.m. No comments were received. Ended at 6:31 p.m.

5. Minutes:

A. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve the Special Board Meeting Minutes of November 20, 2018. Motion carried.

6. Warrants: Motion by LaPorte, supported by Swinson to approve the Warrants totaling \$157,123.56. Roll call vote: Yes: LaPorte, Oddy, Rush, Swinson, Bednark, Hurst and J. Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Finance Report-Holtz: Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to receive and file the Finance Report. Motion carried.

8. Parks & Recreation/Chamber Report-Swinson: A. No Parks & Recreation report.

B. Winterfest starts this weekend in Belleville.

Motion by Hurst, supported by LaPorte to approve the Parks & Recreation/Chamber report. Motion carried.

9. Planning/Zoning Report-Oddy: Motion by LaPorte, supported by Rush to receive and file the Planning/Zoning report. Motion carried.

10. Senior Report-Hurst:

A. Pajama drive welcomes volunteers to help wrap on December 5th & 6th.

B. Community Emergency Awareness Committee meets monthly.

C. SCANN & Sumpter Progressive League meets monthly.

D. Senior Christmas Party on December 11th doors will open at noon.

E. Children's Christmas party will be on December 12th at 6:00 pm.

Motion by Rush, supported by Bednark to approve the senior report. Motion carried.

11. Attorney Report-Young:

A. Draft a first read on opting out for commercial marihuana use.

Motion by Hurst, supported by Swinson to approve the Attorney report. Motion carried.

12. Board Response: no comment

13. New Business:

A. Motion by Rush, supported by Swinson to approve the 2019 Sumpter Township Workshop & Board meeting schedule. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Oddy, supported by Bednark to approve the 2019 Sumpter Township Planning Commission meeting schedule. Motion carried.

C. Motion by Hurst, supported by Rush to approve the appointment of Dawn Hadyniak to Deputy Clerk; pay to be \$25.33 per hour. Motion carried.

D. Motion by Rush, supported by Bednark to approve the appointment of Vernon Morse to Deputy Treasurer; pay to be \$25.08 per hour. Motion carried.

14. Announcements:

A. Treasurer Bednark stated his office is function properly and running smoothly. He will be keeping Vernon Morse on as his Deputy Treasurer.

B. Treasurer Bednark recognized Deputy Supervisor Armatis for her help and training for his new deputy.

C. Deputy Treasurer Morse thanked Treasurer Bednark for the opportunity and training he wasn't afforded prior.

15. Open Floor: Two (2) people spoke

16. Adjournment: Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to adjourn at 7:08 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by

Dawn Hadyniak

Deputy Clerk, Sumpter Township

Esther Hurst, Clerk

John Morgan, Supervisor

Published: December 20, 2018

District Library

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of the building committee meetings the workers told them how they work in cold weather. It's at a cost, but it can be done, she said. Whisler said the temporary heat and protection was included in O'Neal's budget;

- Heard Peters give a report on the Ad

Hoc Fund Development group. She said about 60 people attended the Legacy@Your Library event at Wayne County Community College on Nov. 15. She said the goal is \$400,000 in donations and as of the event they had received \$200,000. Since then they have received an additional \$5,000-\$10,000. She said they are urging the community to give private donations for the restoration of amenities they were

going to do without, following budget cuts;

- Was informed Keith Bruder has retired from his snow-removal work and so the library offered the contract to Weise's, who cuts the grass;

- Learned Whisler is buying some demonstration shelving to install at the present library for evaluation. This shelving will replace shelving that was lost due to a broken paperback spinner in the children's room;

- Heard Suchy report the roofer came out again to make one last try to repair the seams on the Duro-Last portion of the roof on the present library. The leak they are trying to repair is by the public internet computers; and

- Enjoyed cake with board secretary LaChelle Reed Caver, who was attending her last meeting after not running for reelection. Board treasurer Tanya Stoudemire, who was not reelected in the November election, was absent from the meeting.

Augusta Charter Township Public Notice

Accepting Website Bids

Augusta Charter Township current website is outdated. It is not usable with cell phones, laptops or tablets. The contents are not being updated as needed. It is not user friendly and has no search features, therefore, the township is seeking bids for website design, hosting and maintenance. Please email Hrowland.augustatownship@gmail.com to obtain bid instructions and requirements.

Publish: December 20, 2018; December 27, 2018; January 3, 2019; January 10, 2019



City of Belleville Public Notice



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE UNDERSIGNED THAT ON **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2018 at 11:30 A.M. at Great Lakes Towing, 42350 Van Born Road, Belleville, County of Wayne, Michigan, a public sale of the following vehicles will be held:**

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PUBLISH: DECEMBER 20, 2018 BELLEVILLE, MICHIGAN 48111

BY SHERRI SCHARF, CITY CLERK

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Board of Trustees Room at the Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 to consider the following variance request:

1. Case #18-003: A request by Beverly Nielsen, 44559 Ecorse (Parcel ID# 83-038-99-0010-000) for a variance from the maximum number of horses on the property.

Please address any written comments to the Van Buren Township Board of Zoning Appeals, at 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 or via email at rakers@vanburen-mi.org. Written comments will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on the hearing date and all materials relating to this request are available for public inspection at the Van Buren Township Hall prior to the hearing.

Van Buren Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aides and services to individuals with disabilities who are planning to attend. Please contact the Van Buren Township Planning and Economic Development Department at 734-699-8913 at least seven (7) days in advance of the meeting if you require assistance.

Mailed: December 12, 2018

Published: December 20, 2018

Van Buren Township PD can tow vehicles for snow emergencies

At the Dec. 3 work/study session of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, Supervisor Kevin McNamara and Public Safety Director Greg Laurain explained the police department's revised policy of towing vehicles during declared snow emergencies.

Under state law, the supervisor of the township can declare a snow emergency after five inches or more (or less) has fallen and emergency vehicles are unable to access township roads. The police have the right to tow vehicles to clear the way.

Director Laurain said the revised policy is part of the police department's accreditation procedure. He said under the policy the supervisor can declare a snow emergency and residents have eight hours to get their vehicles off the streets.

Laurain said officers would knock on doors to talk to vehicle owners before towing offending vehicles. He said the snow emergency would be announced on the township website and television channels 2, 4, and 7.

Earlier this year, the board considered a township ordinance for snow emergencies, but this policy uses state law and no local ordinance is needed.

**Happy
Birthday
to Jesus
Dec. 25**

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 487 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for the past week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, Dec. 9:
0011 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler Rd.
0253 – trespassing, Hamlin St.
0601 – domestic, Denton Rd.
0659 – breaking & entering, Brookside Dr.
0726 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Rawsonville Rd.
0906 – assault & battery, Hayes St.
0932 – 911 welfare check, Anna Dr.
0946 – domestic, Outer Dr.
1120 – domestic, Richards Run
1134 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.
1236 – threat, Shelley Dr.
1400 – animal complaint, Hamlin St.
1416 – larceny, Parkwood Dr.
1442 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1740 – animal complaint, Haggerty Rd.
2017 – suspicious person/vehicle, Chloe Ct./Leon Dr.
2316 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Van Born
Monday, Dec. 10:
1052 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hannan Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1127 – juvenile complaint, Rawsonville Rd.
1157 – ordinance violation, Martinsville Rd.
1259 – disorderly, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1321 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1521 – suicidal person, Liberty Ln.
1631 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1639 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1645 – disorderly, Harmony Ln.
1723 – domestic, Arthur St.
1736 – 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1740 – larceny, Park Estates Dr.
1915 – lost property/child, Belleville Rd.
2011 – road hazard, Ecorse Rd./Beck Rd.
2022 – missing person, Bradley Dr.
Tuesday, Dec. 11:
0702 – 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.
0754 – harassment call, Parkwood Dr.
1058 – unauthorized driving away of auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1112 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1119 – suicidal person, Belleville Rd.
1207 – domestic, Lighthouse Dr.
1219 – harassment call, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1221 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1437 – miscellaneous complaint, Fed Ex
1513 – threat, Briarwood Ct.
1518 – fraud, Briarwood Ct.
1705 – narcotics crime, Independence Ln.
1719 – assist other dept., N. Aberdeen
1905 – animal complaint, N. Ponderosa Trl.
2028 – harassment call, Freedom Way
2034 – larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2114 – family trouble, Martinsville Rd.
2231 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
2316 – harassment call, Locust Dr.
Wednesday, Dec. 12:
0307 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty/Ecorse
0759 – 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.
0846 – 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1241 – found property/child, Parkwood Dr.
1312 – ordinance violation, Van Buren St.
1422 – private property impound, Sumpter Rd.
2015 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr.
2350 – shooting, Springwood Blvd.
Thursday, Dec. 13:
0004 – harassment call, S. Ponderosa Trl.
0654 – disorderly, Locust Dr.
0825 – threat, Rawsonville
0917 – hospice death, Haggerty Rd.
1226 – unattended death, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1337 – sexual assault, Belleville Rd.
1404 – ordinance violation, Morton Taylor Rd. / Van Born Rd.
1425 – animal complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Beck Rd.
1721 – property damage accident, Tyler Rd. / Morton Taylor Rd.
1734 – juvenile complaint, Belleville Rd./Tyler
1735 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd. / N.

I-94 Service Dr.
1920 – K-9 call out, E. Schooner Dr.
2150 – road hazard, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Haggerty
2203 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
2240 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2252 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.
Friday, Dec. 14:
0039 – domestic, Bemis Rd.
0650 – larceny from auto, Kirkridge Park Dr.
0846 – animal complaint, Spruce Ln.
0854 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
0940 – miscellaneous complaint, Michigan Ave.
1017 – larceny from auto, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1020 – ordinance violation, Van Buren St.
1102 – lost property/child, Parkwood Dr.
1305 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./Aldi
1305 – mental subject, Denton Rd.
1345 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville Rd.
1428 – lost property/child, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1443 – animal complaint, Sumpter Rd.
1534 – larceny, E. Huron River Dr.
1554 – mental subject, Edwards Rd.
1640 – property damage accident, Bemis Rd. / Rawsonville Rd.
1830 – juvenile complaint, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1853 – property damage accident, Savage Rd.
1855 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler Rd.
1911 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sumpter/Hull
1014 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville Rd.
2007 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Huron River Dr.
2231 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Hannan Rd.
Saturday, Dec. 15:
0016 – disorderly, E. Huron River Dr.
0131 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
0210 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Archwood
0323 – property damage accident, EB I-94 / Haggerty Rd.
0505 – suspicious person/vehicle, Beck/Ecorse
0901 – assist other dept., Belleville Rd./EB I-94
0930 – animal complaint, Michigan Ave./Denton
1251 – suspicious person/vehicle, Pebblebrook Dr.
1310 – suspicious person/vehicle, Anna Dr.
1425 – malicious destruction of property, Oak Ln.
1508 – suspicious person/vehicle, Van Born/Beck
1618 – neighbor trouble, S. Woodbury Dr.
1632 – suspicious person/vehicle, Van Born Rd.
1652 – threat, Denton Rd.
1747 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1937 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1946 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.
2121 – assist other dept., Belleville Rd.
2229 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
Also on this week's log are 218 traffic stops, 64 of which are on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Dec. 9:
1852 – domestic, Carmell St.
1939 – civil matter, W. Columbia Ave.
2010 – follow up by officer, W. Columbia Ave.
Monday, Dec. 10:
0822 – miscellaneous complaint, Main St.
1020 – disorderly, McBride
1150 – vehicle lock out, Main St.
1406 – animal complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.
1507 – sexual assault, Owen St.
1813 – ordinance violation, Henry St.
Tuesday, Dec. 11:
0246 – assist fire dept., N. Edgemont Ave.
0925 – vehicle lock out, S. Edgemont Ave.
0827 – warrant arrest, MSP Post
1102 – larceny, N. Liberty St.
1645 – fraud, Main St.
1719 – mental subject, N. Aberdeen Ct.
1914 – operating while intoxicated, N. Liberty St. / Third St.
2334 – harassment call, Main St.
Wednesday, Dec. 12:
1018 – welfare check, Main St./Third St.
1106 – fraud, Main St.
1313 – animal complaint, Sumpter Rd. / Belle Villa Blvd.
1314 – disorderly, W. Columbia Ave.

1314 – assault & battery, W. Columbia Ave.
1335 – miscellaneous complaint, Main St.
2113 – assist fire dept., Bell Cove Ct.
Thursday, Dec. 13:
Six traffic stops
Friday, Dec. 14:
1010 – road hazard, E. Columbia Ave./Main St.
1442 – animal complaint, Sumpter Rd.
1534 – assist citizen, W. Columbia Ave.
1543 – civil matter, S. Industrial Park Dr.
1614 – harassment call, Owen St.
1621 – assist fire dept., Menlo park Dr.
1914 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr. / N. Liberty St.
2103 – assist citizen, E. Columbia Ave.
2111 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
Saturday, Dec. 15:
1037 – lost property/child, Main St.
1039 – traffic offense, Main St./Roys St.
1221 – private property impound, South St.
1308 – traffic offense, Main St.
1451 – traffic offense, Main St. / High St.
1553 – animal complaint, Main St.
1602 – suspicious person/vehicle, Fifth St.
1702 – trespassing, Loza Ln.
1718 – warrant arrest, Sumpter/Bemis
1822 – assist fire dept., Estrada
Also on this week's log are 54 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Dec. 9:
0022 – property damage accident, Judd/Clark
0604 – suspicious vehicle, 21000 bl. Fenster
0644 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1220 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Karr Rd.
1417 – suspicious vehicle, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1431 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1602 – malicious destruction of property, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1650 – family trouble, 41000 bl. Harris Rd.
1723 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1917 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township
2036 – assist other agency, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
2141 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
Monday, Dec. 10:
0238 – warrant arrest pick up, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
0332 – death investigation, 42000 bl. Harris Rd.
0906 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township
1128 – civil dispute, 24000 bl. Clark Rd.
1152 – animal complaint, Sumpter/Oakville Waltz
1217 – animal complaint, 29000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1412 – subpoena service, Timberlane Dr.
1432 – subpoena service, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
1457 – property damage accident, 49000 bl. Willis
1628 – assault, Rustic Ln.
1647 – suspicious incident, Martinsville/Willow
1938 – subpoena service, Timberlane Dr.
1952 – death investigation, Birch
Tuesday, Dec. 11:
0559 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Clark Rd.
0616 – civil dispute, Hampshire
0651 – 911 hang up, Hampshire
1045 – assist other agency, 5700 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
1344 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1538 – suspicious incident, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
2007 – well-being check, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct.
2048 – warrant arrest pick up, Sumpter/Wear
2313 – suspicious incident, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
Wednesday, Dec. 12:
0238 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Rustic Ln.
0640 – citizen assist, Rustic Ln.
0714 – civil dispute, 28000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1106 – alarm, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.
1307 – civil dispute, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.
1505 – threats complaint, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1616 – fraud complaint, 25000 bl. Schrock Dr.
1631 – civil dispute, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1645 – suspicious incident, New Mexico
Thursday, Dec. 13:
1149 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1236 – alarm, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1443 – animal complaint, Martinsville/Willow
1503 – animal complaint, 21000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1613 – reckless driver, Willis/California
1629 – suspicious incident, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
1821 – 911 hangup, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
2144 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

Friday, Dec. 14:
0146 – 911 hang up, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
0555 – 911 hang up, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
0837 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1245 – abandoned vehicle, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1318 – suspicious incident, 25000 bl. Martinsville
1331 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Kozma Rd.
1807 – found property, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1931 – alarm, 28000 bl. Karr Rd.
1957 – reckless driver, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2047 – alarm, 29000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2143 – juvenile complaint, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2337 – traffic hazard, Rawsonville/Judd
Saturday, Dec. 15:
0305 – assist other agency, out of township
1056 – civil dispute, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct.
1726 – property damage accident, Oakville Waltz/Sumpter
2036 – 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2352 – suspicious person, Willis/Sumpter
Also on this week's log are eight follow-up investigations, 31 miscellaneous details, 72 patrol checks, and 47 traffic stops.

Court Watching:

Belleville man charged with murder in Lansing parking lot shooting

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor
Anthony Allen Harris, 21, of Belleville was arraigned Dec. 15 in 54-A District Court in Lansing on four charges in the shooting death of Gregory Allen Murray in Lansing.
According to a Lansing Police Department press release, Magistrate Millmore arraigned Harris on a charge of homicide – open murder, carrying a concealed weapon, carrying a weapon with unlawful intent, and felony firearm.
He was remanded to jail with no bond. His probable cause conference is set for 1:30 p.m., Dec. 28, and his preliminary exam at 9:30 a.m., Jan. 3.
Police were called to 3200 S. Washington in Lansing at 12:33 p.m., Dec. 12, and found Murray unconscious in the west rear parking lot of an apartment complex. Murray was given first aid, but was pronounced dead at the scene.
Also, arrested was Emonee Marie Scott, 20, of Lansing who was charged with accessory after the fact to a felony and lying to police officers in a violent crime investigation. She will be back in court at the same times as her co-defendant.

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, Jan. 7 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Jan. 8 – Van Buren Township Local Development Financing Authority meets at 2 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Jan. 9 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Jan. 10 – Keystone Academy school board, 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
- Monday, Jan. 14 – Van Buren Township work/study session at 4 p.m. Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education organizational meeting, 7 p.m.



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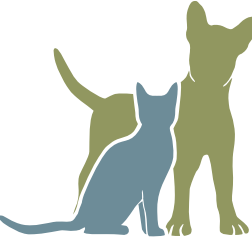


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Karlee Owen, right, was honored as winner of the Jingle Bell Run Logo Contest at the Nov. 26 meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education. At left is Tab Pinter Davenport, a member of the board for the Van Buren Public Schools Education Foundation and one of the people in charge of the Jingle Bell Run.

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